

# FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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OFFER TO BUY: Fruit and Vegetable Products

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase 36 fruit and vegetable products for donation to Needy Family and related domestic feeding programs, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required from January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO CASES
Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	269,416
Grape Juice, Ctn (A284)	12/46 fl. oz.	A	33,000
Grape Juice, Cnd (A285)	12/46 fl. oz.	A	144,704
Tomato Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	98,056
Orange Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	287,504
Pineapple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	156,480
Cranberry Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	Per C.I.D.	167,552
Grapefruit Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	54,264
Apple Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	162,000
Sweet Potatoes, Cnd	24/300	A	45,900
Spinach, Cnd	24/300	A	56,525
Dry, Blackeye Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	43,680
Dry, Lima Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	31,920
Dry, Grt. Northern Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	36,960
Dry, Pinto Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	157,920
Dry, Lt Kidney Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	73,920
Green Beans, Cnd	24/300	B	267,300
Whole Kernel Corn, Cnd	24/300	B	284,580
Corn Cream, Cnd	24/300	B	35,640
Peas, Cnd	24/300	B	140,940

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO CASES
Pumpkin, Cnd.	24/300	A	25,920
Mixed Vegetables, Cnd.	24/300	Per C.I.D.	14,580
Vegetable Soup, Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	74,800
Tomato Soup Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	72,600
Tomatoes, Cnd	24/300	B	111,780
Tomato Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	56,610
Potatoes, Sliced, Cnd	24/300	A	97,920
Spaghetti Sauce, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D.	115,020
Vegetarian Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	90,270
Blackeye Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	19,890
Refried Beans, Cnd	24/300	No. 2	38,250
Dehydrated Potatoes	12/1 lb.	Per USDA	95,000
Raisins	24/15 oz	B	8,640
Carrots, Cnd.	24/300	A	43,740
Plums, Cnd	24/300	B	8,100
Plums, Dried	24/1 lb.	B	7,500
<b>TOTAL:</b>			3,428,881

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**NOTE:** Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2004. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the appropriation of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives written notice of such availability from the Contracting Officer.

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PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 2546 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: [www.ams.usda.gov/cp](http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp).